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AGS: CG, PFRO, MASS

SUBJECT: FMS PURCHASE: JEEPS

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REF: A) KINSHASA 4838 B) KINSHASA 4854

1. DEPARTMENT AND DOD CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY
OF MEETING GOZ REQUEST FOR THIRTY (30) JEEPS. IN
ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT POLICY, AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS
PURCHASE BY GOZ WILL REQUIRE PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH
CONGRESS.

2. BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION AND MOVING TO CONGRESSIONAL
CONSULTATION, DEPARTMENT NEEDS ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING
QUESTIONS:

A. HOW WOULD USG PROPOSED UPGRADE PACKAGE (ARMORED
CAVALRY SQUADRON) FIT INTO NEW BELGIAN/FRENCH/ZAIRIAN
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STUDY GROUP PROPOSAL FOR REORGANIZATION OF ZAIRIAN ARMED
FORCES (REF B)? REFTEL REFERS TO COST EFFECTIVENESS STUDY
OF A MOTORIZED BRIGADE (ARMORED CARS) BUT WOULD THIS UNIT
BE IDENTICAL OR SIMILAR TO TYPE OF UNIT ENVISIONED BY
ROCKWELL REPORT AND OUTLINED IN PROPOSED UPGRADE PACKAGE

FOR LOCATION IN THE SHABA. HOW DOES STRUCTURE OF

BRIGADE IN TRAINING IN KITONA COMPARE TO OUR PROPOSED CAVALRY SQUADRON?

B. HOW DOES MISSION VIEW IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR UPGRADE PACKAGE? SPECIFICALLY, WHILE JEEPS ARE INCLUDED IN THAT PROGRAM, PRESUMABLY THEY WOULD BE DELIVERED AS PART OF PHASED DELIVERY SCHEDULE FOR UNIT TO BE CREATED BY UPGRADE PACKAGE. WOULD JEEPS PROVIDED NOW, AHEAD OF UPGRADE PACKAGE IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE, BE AVAILABLE LATER FOR ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON? WE ARE CONCERNED THAT ITEMS DELIVERED PIECE MEAL WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR USE IN COORDINATED UPGRADE PROGRAM. VANCE

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